



UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY  
REGION III  
1650 Arch Street  
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania 19103-2029

February 10, 2016

CERTIFIED MAIL  
RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED

Brice Benson  
Benson Energy, LLC  
1403 West Main Street  
Smethport, PA 16740

Re: Benson Energy, LLC; Notice of Violation; Failure to submit 2015 Annual Monitoring Report

Dear Mr. Benson:

Our records indicate that you are the legal owner/operator of the Benson Energy, LLC facility located in Smethport, Pennsylvania. As owner/operator of a Class II enhanced recovery facility, you are required to comply with the Underground Injection Control (UIC) regulations found in 40 C.F.R. §§ 144-147, and the conditions specified in your UIC permit PAS2R903BMCK.

40 C.F.R. § 144.51(1)(4) and 146.23(c) of the UIC regulations, and Part II, Section D.9 of your permit, require that you prepare and submit an Annual Monitoring Report for each calendar year for your facility. Annual monitoring reports include results of required monitoring, injection fluid volume and pressure, mechanical integrity testing, wells plugged and other changes that have taken place at your facility during the specified calendar year. The Annual Monitoring Reports for a given calendar year are due by January 31st of the following year.

As of the date of this letter, we have not received the 2015 Annual Monitoring Report for the Benson Energy, LLC facility. As such, you are in violation of the UIC program regulation and your UIC permit. We therefore request that you submit your completed Annual Monitoring Report by February 26, 2016. Failure to do so may subject you to further enforcement, including an Administrative Order with a penalty, so please give this matter your serious attention. If you have any questions, please contact Jeremy Dearden of my staff at 215-814-5351.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Karen D. Johnson", is written over the typed name.

Karen D. Johnson, Chief (3WP22)  
Ground Water & Enforcement Branch  
Office of Drinking Water & Source Water Protection